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GENERAL DEBATE ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF OBSTACLES TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN THIS AREA AND WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN BE OVERCOME

Note by the Secretariat

The following draft agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the suggestions made by representatives of national institutions at their informal meeting held on 19 February 1993 at Geneva.

Draft agenda

1. Opening of the meeting by a representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Election of the officers.

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

4. Factors affecting the establishment of national institutions and similar bodies, implementation of their objectives and execution of their responsibilities on the basis of the Paris principles.

5. Investigating the most appropriate and effective functioning of national institutions:

   (a) Through the independence and security of their mandates;

   (b) Through the provision of adequate resources;

   (c) Through representativity;

   (d) Through accessibility.

6. Effective means of exchanging experiences between existing national institutions:

   (a) In collecting and disseminating information (setting up an international network);

   (b) On national experience regarding the handling of specific cases of violations of human rights;

   (c) On action in the area of the administration of justice at the national and international level;

   (d) An adequate United Nations structure for coordinating the activities of national institutions.

7. Contribution of national institutions to items of the agenda of the World Conference, taking into account the indivisibility of human rights.

8. Recommendations to the World Conference and follow-up action.